

# HEARINGS START ON CITY-WIDE REZONING

## Crenshaw To Top Agenda

Plans for the commercial rezoning of large sections of Torrance for retail shopping purposes are being received favorably by residents in the areas affected, according to George Powell, land use coordinator and advisor to the City Planning Commission.

About 140 people attended the recent North Torrance zone hearing and expressed the desire for several community shopping areas on either side of the freeway.

Two sites for shopping areas were proposed. Discussed was one in the vicinity of 174th street to 182nd street and between Arlington and Crenshaw on the north side of the freeway.

Also discussed was a shopping center zone for 182nd and Hawthorne.

A hearing on the rezoning of North Torrance will be held before the Planning Commission December 1. A map of the proposed new commercial sites may be seen at the City Hall in the office of George Powell.

**South Torrance**  
Discussed last night before the Planning Commission was the commercial rezoning of sections of South Torrance.

South Torrance residents have approved the proposed rezoning and no serious opposition was expected last night. Areas involved include the extension of Anza on the west to Madison on the east and from

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## Polio Strikes Tot, 3

Struck down by polio about a month ago, three-year-old Margaret Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown Jr., of 823 Faysmith, Torrance Plaza, is presently recovering at the Sister Kenny Hospital in El Monte.

The little girl was released from L. A. County General Hospital last week and transferred to the Sister Kenny hospital.

Peggy, who had been in an iron lung all this time has been completely out of the lung since Saturday, a few days after coming to the Sister Kenny hospital.

The little girl suffered partial paralysis of the right arm and a slight case of bulbar polio, according to Mrs. Brown. Doctors expect her to recover completely, the mother said.

The Browns came to Torrance three years ago. The father is a teacher at the 186th Street School.

## Pie Firm Buys Building Here

Sale of the Mead Johnson Building at Western avenue and Torrance boulevard to a frozen pie bakery firm was revealed here this week.

The building was bought by Mrs. Lee's Pie Company, bakers of Simple Simon products. Sale price of the building was said to exceed \$300,000.

A spokesman for the bakery firm said no definite date for occupancy has been set.

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## Democrats Take Slight Edge Over Republicans In Torrance Election



TODAY'S THE DAY!... An intensive one-day Community Chest fund-raising drive will be waged today by Torrance Community Chest workers. Among the many youth groups benefiting from the Community Chest are those

represented above (left to right): Gary Beydler, 10, 20915 S. Normandie, Woodcraft Rangers; Sandra Shore, 12, 1601 W. 205th st., Campfire Girls; and Kiyoko Takeuchi, 12, 2076 236th st., Girl Scouts.

## Woman Wins Oscar Maples Grid Contest

A woman emerged winner last week of the Oscar Maples football contest. Winner of the first place prize of \$20 in merchandise is Mrs. Paul C. Hosler of 1618 Acacia avenue.

Contest rules may be found on page 20.

Second and third place winners receiving \$10 and \$5 in merchandise are Eddie Unrein, 2755 Onrado, and Bob Olvera, 1127 Flat street, respectively.

Winning free lube jobs were: Don A. Brown, Dalton Boyd, Joseph James, William L. Chaney, Claude Hutton, and Averil Mahoney.

## Jerome Brodie In Bayonet Div.

Pfc. Jerome C. Brodie, son of Mrs. Ruby M. Brodie, 1513 Cota avenue, Torrance, is serving in Korea with the seventh Infantry Division.

## King, Thomas Re-elected

Local Congressional and State Assembly candidates were returned to office by a safe majority vote Tuesday.

For the most part, election results for the various races was so close that neither Republicans nor Democrats could boast of a land-slide victory.

Of the 20,289 registered Torrance voters, 13,647 turned up at the 73 polls, representing at 67.2 per cent turn-out.

**Other Areas**  
In addition to the Torrance precincts, other precincts tallied here included 7 Keystone, 18 Lomita, 6 Rolling Hills, 1 Victor, and 9 Los Angeles bringing the total to 114 precincts. The total number of votes polled for these precincts came to 21,145.

In the most hotly contested local battle, Congressman Cecil R. King of the 17th Congressional district defeated Republican opponent, Bob Finch by a 5034 vote margin. King received 12,800 votes to Finch's 5034 in the Torrance area. At press time 375 precincts out of 909 in the 17th district had been tallied, giving King 92,937 votes to 61,834 for Finch.

**Thomas Re-Elected**  
Re-elected to his seat in the California Assembly, 68th District, was Vincent Thomas (D) who defeated Republican candidate John Willard by a slightly more than 2:1 margin in the

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## OH HAPPY DAY, IT'S BACK AGAIN

It's no problem any more to find a needle in a haystack—all you've got to do now is to place an ad in the Torrance Press classified section and presto!—up comes the needle!

Mrs. Pat Kline of 2467 Torrance blvd. was quite upset when she lost a gold wedding band and chain at a football game.

The first thing she thought of was to place the following ad in the Torrance Press:

LOST—Man's gold wedding band and chain, 14 k., at Torrance school football game 10/15. Reward. FA. 8-2574

The person who found the ring and chain saw the ad and returned the lost articles to their owner.

If you have a problem—see us, and let a snappy, inexpensive classified ad solve it for you. Call FA 8-2345.

## Identical Tactics Used In 2nd Drug Store Burglary

Same methods used once before were employed by burglars Sunday night who victimized the Walteria Drug Store at 3776 Pacific Coast Highway, subject to the same type of burglary a year ago.

Burglars forced the back door of an adjoining doctor's office open by mere pressure of the body against the lock, without the use of tools, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Once inside the office, they kicked the portion of the plaster wall out, making a 14" by 18" hole through which they entered the drug store.

Burglars were careful not to touch anything. They made off with several cigarette holders, inexpensive wristwatches, electric shavers, and possibly a few dollars from the cash register.

"We have a lead on the individuals who did it," Det. Sgt. Bennett stated, "and we hope to make an arrest shortly."

# GP Takes Action To Relieve Smog

The oil industry has complied with all rules and regulations of the Air Pollution Control District, newsmen were told at a special press conference on smog at the Torrance General Petroleum plant last Friday.

This statement was backed up by extensive facts and figures presented by C. A. Day, chairman of the Technical subcommittee on Smoke and Fumes of the Western Oil and Gas Association which called the meeting.

## New Control System

Featured in the talk and demonstration was the new vapor recovery system which has just been installed at General Petroleum. The GP loading rack is one of the first systems installed. Over 20 such installations will be completed by May 1955 among the refineries in the Los Angeles region at a cost of over \$1,000,000.

The loading rack installation cuts down the amount of evaporated gasoline which heretofore escaped into the atmosphere during the filling of gasoline tank trucks which take the gasoline to the various service stations, it was announced.

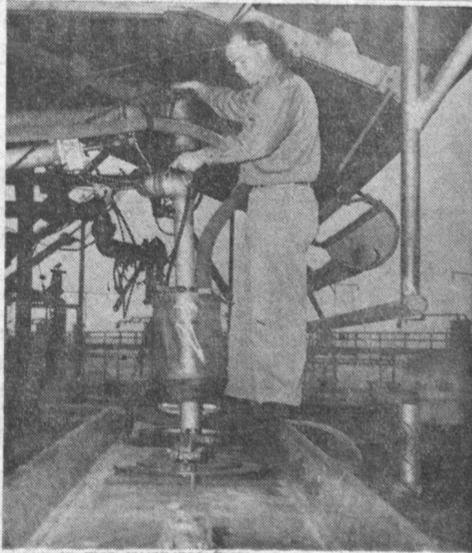
Vapors are now caught and piped back into the fuel system of the refinery instead of escaping into the atmosphere.

When all refineries in the Los Angeles area are equipped with similar devices, hydrocarbon emissions from refineries will be reduced by 17 tons per day, it is maintained.

## Controllable Emissions

Emissions directly controllable by the petroleum industry, it was stated, are those resulting from the filling of gasoline tank trucks.

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THIS IS THE 'BUSINESS END' of General Petroleum's new vapor control system. The new system prevents gasoline vapors from escaping into the atmosphere during the filling of gasoline trucks. Here a filling spout is lowered into an empty compartment of a gasoline tank truck. The vapor is drawn out and piped back to the refinery's fueling system.

## Bigamy Hearing Monday

Preliminary hearing on a bigamy charge brought by Mrs. Cornelia Groh, 30, against her husband, C. Gerald Groh, 30, 16732 Crenshaw blvd., has been scheduled for Monday, November 8.

The hearing will be held before Judge Otto Willett in the South Bay Municipal Court at 9:30 a.m.

Groh pleaded not guilty to the charge last week at his arraignment and asked for a jury trial, according to Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett.

Groh, who is out on \$500 bail, was arrested when wife No. 1 charged that he had married Alberta Veronica Sallee during the three weeks that she, Mrs. Cornelia Groh, was away to see her folks in Dayton, Ohio.

## School Issue Grounds For El Nido Annexation Move

Members of the El Nido Civic Association will soon circulate petitions in the El Nido district asking that the area be annexed to Torrance.

While previous unsuccessful attempts have been made to annex the area to Torrance, El Nido observers at this time feel that the present attempt will meet with the approval of a majority of the residents.

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## School Issue

The most important reason why El Nido residents allegedly favor annexation is the school issue. The El Nido school is part of the Torrance Unified School District.

The El Nido area itself is county territory and as long as there is a chance that El Nido might be annexed by Redondo Torrance school officials are not too anxious to sink additional money into the El Nido school, it is maintained.

## Area

The El Nido district involved is bounded by 182nd St., 186th St., Kingsdale and Hawthorne. It includes about 200 residents.

The next meeting of the El Nido Civic Association is November 15.

Once a majority of the residents sign the annexation petition an election must be held and the City Council must approve annexation.

## TWO BOYS HURT IN WEEK-END TRAFFIC

Traffic accidents for October numbered among the highest of any month this year with 49 property damages reported, 12 injuries due to auto accidents, and one death, according to Police Department figures.

Heading the list of serious accidents this week-end was one involving two small Halloween-minded boys who darted in front of a moving auto at Normandie avenue and Carson late Friday.

## Boy Hurt

Taken to Harbor General Hospital in critical condition with a head injury was David Falls, 7, of 1027 W. 225th street. He was knocked 35 feet by the car. A friend, Ronnie Markley, 7, of 22032 Meyler street suffered a fractured leg.

David was said to be "doing well" Tuesday by hospital attendants. Both boys attend the Halldale avenue school.

Witnesses told police the boys were walking across the highway against a red traffic light when struck by a car driven by Thomas K. Stuart, 49, of Manhattan Beach. Stuart, who was watching the traffic, said he did not see the boys.

## Hurled 36 Feet

In another accident, a pedestrian was hurled 36 feet when struck by a car on Prairie avenue south of Redondo Beach Boulevard Saturday night.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with critical injuries was Lee H. Judge, 35, of 17126 Prairie avenue. Judge was pushing a push cart when struck by a car driven by Patrick Lee McGee, 25, of 17615 Cranbrook street. Judge suffered a double leg fracture and serious head injuries.

The cart landed on the roof of

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## Dump Site Removed At Bixby Slough

Moving of the Bixby Slough dump site to another location was announced Monday by J. C. Agajanian and Peter Schubert, operators.

Use of the new site, a deep excavation west of Sanford avenue, between Sandison street and Lomita boulevard, began Monday, according to Agajanian.

At the same time, dumping

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## BUILDING RECORD SOARS, OCTOBER HIGHEST MONTH

Torrance building activities during the month of October reached unprecedented heights for this year, chalking up a total of \$5,365,618 in building permits.

Only on one other occasion has this figure for a single month been surpassed in Torrance's building history. That was during August 1953 when more than \$7,000,000 in permits were taken out, according to the Torrance Building Department.

## Total

This year's total to date stands at \$36,696,458, already way above the total for all of 1953 which reached \$24,359,263.

This year's building activity is expected to surpass the \$40 million mark.

## Top Permits

Top building activity for the month included: Avis Building Corp., \$655,400, 71 homes near 182nd and Prairie; Milton Kauffman Construction Co., \$635,350, 78 homes near Cadison st. and Donora st.; Don Jan Ran, \$1,612,300, 145 homes; near Via Monte d'Oro and Via Los Miradores; Fantine Cali Tract, \$252,000, 24 homes, near Felbar and 188th; D'Amato Bros., \$173,900, 18 homes near Leyte and Reynolds dr. and Sepulveda; Milton Kauffman, \$142,050, 9 homes, Beckworth ave. and Towers ave.



GRAND OPENING... A new local Clark Market at Hawthorne ave. and Pacific Coast Highway will hold its grand opening starting today and continuing through Sunday. Hundreds of specials and four days of gifts and gala entertainment will be featured.

# Clark Market Grand Opening Today In Walteria